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## PUBLIC SCHOOL ECONOMY WE MIGHT APPROPRIATE.

South Bend evidently isn't the only city that is suffering from over-crowded schools, and for much the same reasons, but not all of them appear as slow as South Bend in devising prospective remedies. Of course, it is presumptuous to point a city like this to a burg like New York, for anything like an example in educational methods, but since New York appears to be not above coming to Indiana—Gary, to find its remedy, maybe we can venture a reference to New York, and thus copy Gary in that roundabout way, at least without injuring our dignity.

New York city, with its 800,000 school children, is in a bad way for lack of accommodations. The increase of children has far outrun the facilities for handling them. At the close of the last school year there were 132,000 pupils in school less than the regular number of hours, because there was no room for them. At present the number restricted to "part time" is said to be considerably over 100,000.

The board of education estimates that the new buildings required to provide adequate accommodations would cost from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000. And the city is so hard up that teachers' pensions are unpaid, and the administration is planning a special assessment on personal property to make up a big deficit.

Now, it happens that Mr. Wirt, the originator of the famous "Gary system" of instruction, has been asked to submit an estimate of the cost of installing that system in all the New York schools. It has already been tried, and proved successful, in some of them. He reports that for \$6,000,000 the present school buildings and grounds could be put into proper shape to take care of all the children in the city.

There is a saving, to begin with, of \$24,000,000 to \$34,000,000. And the director of the Public Education association estimates, on the basis of Brooklyn experiments, that \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 a year could be saved in salaries, though that is less certain.

The enormous economy effected under the Wirt system is simply the result of making full use of a city's "educational plant," as a private manufacturer or merchant makes use of his factory or store. The school buildings are used all day. The children don't all come and go at once. They attend in shifts. And so the cost is less per pupil, in spite of the fact that they put in more hours a day than under other systems, and have wider opportunities for study, work and play. There may be a saving in teaching expense, too, because the flexible system makes it possible to distribute the work more uniformly among the teaching staff.

The educational results obtained with the pupils themselves are, of course, the main consideration. That aspect has been much discussed, usually with conclusions in favor of the Wirt system. But the financial argument alone is calculated to appeal to any city, large or small, particularly when emphasized by the millions of dollars involved in the New York problem. If there is any light in it for the South Bend school authorities, most assuredly they are welcome; three welcome.

## BRINGING ARMENIANS TO AMERICA.

The Turk still persecutes the Christian Armenians, as he has done from time immemorial. And the present persecution is said to surpass all previous atrocities.

It is estimated that since last April from 300,000 to 700,000 Armenians have died from massacres, starvation and disease. The Turkish government has been carrying out a systematic and heartless deportation, seemingly with the purpose of destroying the race. In extensive regions the whole Armenian population has been expelled, women have been outraged and sent to Turkish harems, men and boys have been driven into deserts, families have perished by thousands of hunger and exhaustion.

The government gives the specious excuse that "the Armenians are spies and revolutionists." But when the Austrian ambassador asked Enver Pasha, the Turkish war minister, why they were so cruelly treated, he replied, "Because it amuses us."

The American ambassador has interested himself in the matter and proposed a plan to solve the Armenian problem once for all. He suggests bringing the surviving Armenians to this country and settling them on our vacant land.

"The United States," he says, "might be the Moses to lead the Armenian people out of bondage. They could be put in the unsettled regions of the western states, in parts of Washington, eastern Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and California. They are a clean, industrious, intelligent race, the best class of immigrants, farmers and laborers, eager for education."

He has asked and received the ap-

proval of the Turkish officials for his plan, and submitted it to Washington, but no action has yet been taken.

Ambassador Morzenhausen suggests that each state needing settlers raise a fund and send a ship to Asia Minor to bring Armenians. It might cost as much as \$5,000,000 altogether. There are 500,000 who need help, he says, and they could be brought to America for \$100 apiece.

It would be a great and worthy act of philanthropy. It remains to be seen, however, whether any of the states will turn philanthropists. If the race is saved by deportation to America, it will probably be through private generosity.

## A WOMAN-MADE WORLD?

Mrs. Belmont, chairman of the women voters' convention in San Francisco, advised women to form no alliances with "any existing man's political party"—which was good advice—and then proceed with this dubious proposition:

The union of this sisterhood of women voters is the power politically of the near future. For 20 centuries you have been led to believe your work was to patch up the evils germinated by man's so-called civilization. It is time for us women to have a civilization of our own.

It is at all likely that a purely woman-made civilization would be any better than the present makeshift which is so contemptuously referred to as "man-made"? Certainly it would be superior in some important respect, where man's prejudice or ignorance or neglect has blocked human progress. But when it comes to organizing one sex into a political party whose program is to re-make the world in disregard of the other sex's needs or wishes, not only every sensible man but every sensible woman must see the folly of it, proven by present one-sex parties.

Even if the thing could be done—and of course it can't—it would mean disaster. No sex, not even the feminine, can re-mold the world and perfect human society. It takes both.

These extreme feminists had better turn back to Tennyson, who was a wise man as well as a poet, and who made "The Princess" say, half a century before this feminist movement broke out:

Henceforth thou hast a helper,  
me, that know  
The woman's cause is man's;  
they rise or sink  
Together, dwarfed or godlike,  
bond or free.  
Yet in the long years liker must  
they grow;  
The man be more of woman, she  
of man;  
He gain in sweetness and in moral  
height,  
Nor lose the wrestling thews that  
throw the world;  
She mental breadth, nor fail in  
childward can;  
Nor lose the childlike in the  
larger mind;  
Till at the last she set herself  
to man  
Like noble music unto noble  
words.  
Then comes the staller Eden  
back to men;  
Then springs the crowning race  
of humankind.

If women are to have the franchise universally, let us have no men's parties and no women's parties, nor any petty bargaining by male and female factions, but such a noble co-operation as Tennyson portrays, in the big, complex task of bettering the world.

## THE TEXAS WAY.

Corpus Christi, Texas, is having its own little election scandal, which involves the title to office of a congressman as well as about 55 minor offices.

Just to show that Terre Haute crowd that they don't know everything about stealing an election, we give the substance of the testimony of a Mexican, one of a multitude of similar cases, it is charged.

He testified that he was given \$2.00 for his vote ticket. He took it, although he intended to vote it anyway. He said that he did not know what he was voting for but had always voted since coming to Texas. His poll tax had been paid by others. To put the finishing touches on, he testified that he was born in Mexico, had never declared his intention of becoming an American citizen, and did not want to become one.

## PROMOTES FREEDOM.

The people of Russia, of all classes, ages, sexes and conditions in life are cursing bureaucracy for the shortage of ammunition, to which is attributable the continued Russian reverses.

In other words, the Russian masses are indulging in free speech. It is a good thing. There is going to be much more freedom in several countries, after the war, and Russia needs freedom as badly as any of them.

But it is being pretty definitely shown that Russia's policy of continued retreat has been necessary because of lack of munitions due to graft.

And in this we have nothing on Russia either. In times of peace we know that there's graft in the matter of making war munitions, wholesale graft, and yet congress has repeatedly refused to stir in the matter. The revelations made by Congress-

man Tavenner would be sufficient to

arouse any European nation, and the coming session of congress cannot refuse to consider them without dishonoring itself.

## JAPAN TO THE RESCUE.

The sudden stiffening of the Russian defense, the vigorous counter attacks and the apparent halting of the German onrush, mean but one thing—that from somewhere, somehow, Russia has secured a new supply of war munitions. Then from whence? From Japan?

And right here comes the conviction that there are leaves in the diplomatic history of this war as yet uncut. Why has Japan, well able to do so, waited so long before relieving the urgent necessities of her Slavic ally? Why did she permit to go unchallenged the rumors of a Jap-nese-German understanding; to now, suddenly at the eleventh hour, announce that she is prepared to go any length in supporting Russia and, what is more to the point, back it up by the greatest activity in rushing the so-long withheld munitions?

The answer is that why Japan was paid her price. That, grasping the great opportunity which knocks once at nations' as well as individuals' doors, she demanded, and at last received, from beleaguered Russia, her pound of flesh, while England and France stood by in helpless impotence. What is that price? Only time may tell but when the full and true story of this war is written, it will be found to be a stiff one, or we miss our guess.

## COLONEL'S VOCABULARY.

A Mexican has been fined \$200 by an El Paso police court for calling the United States "desgraciado."

"Desgraciado" is a beautiful word, a thorough word, a most comprehensive word, and we wonder that Col. Roosevelt hasn't corralled it long ago. It is, however, a most dangerous word.

Since Texans have become so aesthetic as to discard automatics and bootleg bowies, the word "llar," hitherto so productive of funerals, has become rather effete but the word "desgraciado" still has power to make the native draw whatever of hardware he may have on him or be able to reach. "Desgraciado" means a whole vocabulary of such things as meanness, degeneracy, contumely, insult, defiance, cowardice, lying, mule-stealing, dog-eating, prurience, effeminacy and so forth. It may not be short and ugly, colonel, but it sure gets there just the same.

## DOESN'T IT LOOK THUS?

The question arises, in some quarters, as to whether Uncle Sam's neutrality would be impaired should American financiers make that loan on French and British government bonds, without collateral.

Isn't this financial question, like other war questions, a question as to whether America is or is not a free and open market? The fact that one party does want to buy ought not to close a market, or put the fellow who sells to the customers who come in the light of a belligerent.

## AN EX UNDER SUSPICION.

Ex-King Manuel of Portugal must be feeling persona non grata, or something else equally as sour, in England's midst, just now. There's a monarchial rebellion in Portugal, and yet as a republic that little nation is England's ally.

John Bull might, with propriety, intern young Manuel.

## NOT LOCALIZED.

Speaking of lawlessness, to which Georgia recently called public attention, we guess it is not a matter of geography.

A mob at Clarksville, Mo., tied up a man's feet and drowned him in the Mississippi, as they would a cat, because he was charged with robbery.

If Gen. Carranza would only cut off those whiskers, so the American powers could see what he looks like, he might be more acceptable. And yet, you never can tell. Those manly whiskers may cover weak lips and a wobbly chin. Which is precisely what a lot of blustering bluffers use whiskers for, and the chief reason why modern America repudiates them.

It's queer how viewpoints change. The author of the "Hymn of Hate" has said he's sorry he wrote it, and now the author of "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier" is sorry he wrote that. Soon the poet of hate will be writing a peace poem, and the poet of peace will be chanting hate.

Puget Sound M. E. church conference has frankly endorsed preparedness for war. Looking over the foreign field, it does seem to be a matter in which churches might well interest themselves. Churches certainly are marks in modern warfare.

Reported that cattle ticks have attacked jack rabbits in Coke county, Texas, and the rabbits are dying in large numbers. This is the first instance of ticks ever having been known to infest other than cattle.

From a military standpoint, Great Britain could well afford to bribe the Zeppelins to invade England. Every time a few civilians are killed by an aerial bombardment there's a great rush to the recruiting stations.

The Russians are said to have a lot of vodka left on their hands. Why don't they use it against the Germans, in reprisal for the "liquid fire"?

Are the "Friends of Peace" what they claim to be, or should their title be "Friends of Those Who Make Desolation and Call It Peace"?

Hail stones is the Panhandle region of Texas killed Turkeys and stripped them of their feathers.

# THE MELTING POT

## COME! TAKE POTLUCK WITH US.

MUCH of the testimony as to when the last fair was held is interesting if not instructive. One witness, a woman we assume, says it was 18 years ago because that was the year her last baby was born. This is rather convincing, but not quite conclusive. The event named is well calculated to impress a concurrent scene on the memory, but allowance must be made for the vagaries of the human mind. Another woman declares the last previous fair was held in 1893. That was the year while inspiring the poultry department an impertinent chicken picked a flower off her little girl's hat. Our recollection is 1894. It is based on a mess of pork and beans we ate at the restaurant under the grandstand, and we maintain that a mess of pork and beans, when so disposed, is capable of making a deeper impression than anything in the line of obituary.

WE could go to the files and confirm our date, but the files are stored away in the basement, and at the time of writing this, Saturday morning, we are trying to fill a rush order to deliver ourselves at Springbrook for the races—RAIN OR SHINE.

## Domestic Plot for a Movie.

(From M. Times-Democrat.) The Times-Democrat has brevetted its Drake Township representative for the best story of the week, which told of a man marrying his mother-in-law. The bridegroom has four children, two boys and two girls, who, by this marriage, become their own uncles and aunts. They are also brothers-in-law of their own father and grandmother. The husband is now his own father-in-law and his wife's son-in-law, while his wife is his daughter-in-law and her own mother-in-law.

"INDIANA ninth in auto registration."—News item.

And first in auto disturbance.

THINGS we see and hear remind us of the public spirited man who gives \$25 to the cause and spends \$25 for a brass band to advertise it.

## Sub Rosa.

(Personals, San Francisco Chronicle.) A. G.—Your picture will be hung in hall of fame; ain't you happy?

E. B.

DICK—Be sure and come on Thursday, long ride ahead.

NELL.

GRETCHEN—Habe keine sorger; unkrant vergh nicht; Hoffe badit einen brief; Mitt liebe.

HANS.

MAUD—Be on lookout for phone message; you know what answer.

WILL.

FOLDING our metaphorical pinions we settle back to normal and take up the threads of every day life where we laid them down a week ago.

Abe and Eph and Ike Sam and John and Gene and them other fellers cer-

# What The Papers Say

## WOULD END LYNCHINGS.

(Baltimore News.) Gov. Goldsborough's apt and spirited rejoinder in the conference of governors at Boston to the defense of lynch law by Bleasie of South Carolina continues to be widely and approvingly commented on by the leading newspapers of the nation. The Maryland governor, as The News has pointed out, gave timely and emphatic expression to the sentiment of the whole country, and rendered a public service that will be long remembered to his credit.

In again directing sharp attention to the wisdom of legislation that would make a country liable in a heavy sum to the family of the victim of the mob or to the state, the governor renews national interest in the most effective method that can be devised to do away with the reprehensible work of "Judge Lynch." This appeal to the pocket nerve of a community is seldom likely to fail, for the men of property would not be backward in defending vi et armis, if it came to that, a county jail from the attack of the element that usually makes up a lynching party; nor at all dilatory or unanimated in running to earth those responsible for the summary execution of a suspected criminal who had not been given an orderly trial under established legal safeguards.

## A VIEW OF RURAL SCHOOLS AND PIG PENS.

(Tacoma Ledger.) When a lot of teachers or members of any profession get together, some extreme assertions are to be expected. The National Educational association, in session at San Francisco, produced the declaration that rural schools, on an average, are less adequate for their

## GREAT DEMAND FOR NEW TITLE

Fortunes of the Landrays Starts Big Rush For Latest Gift Book.

"Books are books," but some books are better than others. If the great demand for "The Fortunes of the Landrays" is indicative of its worth or popularity it is certainly a book which should be preserved in every home among the classics. It is a story full of genuine friendship, and romantic in its ever-varying situations. The story is so solidly, rather than largely eventful, and in motive power draws on friendship more frequently than on love. It is long and cannot be skimmed, but it never lags. There is stirring romance in it, there are questions of the plains and of prairie schooners, and lilting songs of the trail. There is much close, careful work here for the full appreciation of which the full risks of more than a single evening is demanded.

One of the great merits of the book is that it is so exceedingly like life itself. Instead of the hurried, more or less artificial throwing together of people and events such as constitutes the average modern novel, we have here an account of the passing of years. The author has assumed, and rightly, that the reader can better know—and hence better sympathize with—a man if he knows a good deal about this man's father and at least somewhat of his grandfather.

If you have not done so, be sure to clip the coupon from the big announcement in yesterday's paper, and secure a copy of this wonderful story for 25c. It has heretofore sold regularly at \$1.25. Act quick, while the books are still to be had.

tainly had us going some last week. It will take all of this week at least to get to going steady on the grind. It was a big week and a great little publicity dispenser for South Bend. Keep her going, boys.

"GERMAN Subs in Swiss Harbor."—N.Y. headline.

New geography made every day while you wait.

Still They Condemn the Gopher, Who Has Some Cause for Curses.

(Indianapolis News.) They were rain soaked and mud splashed when they drew up in front of the Claypool hotel the other day and the driver, who was the owner of the car, was as mad as he was wet.

"Say, what kind of a country is this down here?" he shouted to A. K. McDonald, clerk, as he approached the hotel desk.

"Why?" Mac asked.

"Why?" the irate autoist fairly yelled. "This storm struck us when we were a few miles out of Indianapolis, and there wasn't a house within a mile that we could get in for shelter. Is this all prairie country down here? Do people build any houses or do they live in holes in the ground?"

The more he talked the madder he became.

"Blankety-blank-blank, blank this automobile business," he said. "I just bought this machine this week and this is my first trip. When I get back to South Bend, the first sucker that offers me ten bucks for that boat is going to buy it. Hear me? I say ten bucks will take it."

The party registered and went to the rooms. A half hour later they came down the elevator wearing dry clothes, but the owner of the machine was mad as ever.

The second automobile contained a party from Port Wayne. There were four, and all wore long linen dusters, soaked through and through.

"This is a wonder," when we state that Miss Marvel teaches school in Morris, Mich.

STEFAANSON should be advised that the world will not need any new land until Europe is repopulated.

C. N. F.

## What Happened May Be Inferred.

(News item.)

The driver of the crowded limousine apparently did not see the train nor hear the whistle, which was late and going at a high rate of speed.

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